2008 Consumer Confidence Report

For Malmstrom AFB

Reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act in 1996 created a requirement for all community public water systems to provide their customers with an annual report detailing the quality if their drinking water. All of the drinking water supplied to Malmstrom AFB by the City of Great Falls is treated surface water from the Missouri River. The attached printout of the 2008 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) lists all of the contaminants tested for by the City of Great Falls. Below is a table setting forth the contaminants that Malmstrom AFB Bioengeering Office tests for and the corresponding results.

In the Malmstrom CCR below you will note a violation for the contaminant Halocetic Acid (HAA5) (Stage 1). A public notice was distributed on Malmstrom AFB on February 6 detailing the violation. HAA5 is a by-product of the disinfectant process used by Malmstrom AFB to treat the water received from the City of Great Falls. It has been determined that some people who drink water containing HAA5 in excess of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) over a period of years may have an increased risk of cancer; however, as stated in the notice this is not an emergency and you do not need to take corrective actions.

The term 'Total Haloacetic Acids' (HAA5) refers to the sum of the concentrations of dichloroacetic acid, trichloroacetic acid, monochloroacetic acid, monobromoacetic acid and dibromoacetic acid in a water sample. HAA5s can be present in chlorinated drinking water as chlorinated water disinfectant byproduct formed when the chlorine reacts with natural organic matter and/or bromide ions in raw water supplies. Some people who drink water containing HAA5 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Malmstrom AFB samples drinking water quarterly and out of four samples collected throughout the calendar year 2008, two samples were over the MCL for HAA5. When these two exceedances were averaged into the rolling 12 month totals it caused Malmstrom AFB to exceed the established MCL. In an effort to reduce the amount of HAA5 in the base drinking water short term mitigation of flushing waterlines was implemented. In addition a new waterline project is scheduled to start in the spring of 2009 to improve water quality. For more information on this notice please contact Capt Aaron Weaver, Chief of Bioenvironmental Engineering at 406-731-4406. Call or write Bioenvironmental Engineering at 341st MDOS/SGPB, 7300 N. Perimeter Rd., Great Falls, MT 59402, 406-731-4406 for a printed copy of this Consumer Confidence Report. Printable versions will be linked on www.malmstrom.af.mil or by e-mail request to James.Wood@Malmstrom.AF.MIL.

Detected Regulated Contaminants - Malmstrom Distribution System

				Compliance				
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Units	Level	Range	Violation	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contamination
Asbestos	7	7	mf/L	nd	nd	none	2004	Asbestos was not detected (nd) in the sample submitted for analysis (Due again in 2013)
Copper	1.3	AL = 1.3	ppm	0.530 at the 90th percentile	.07-1.14	none	2007	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservative; no sample exceeded the AL (Due again in 2010)
Lead	15	AL = 15	ppb	<3 at the 90th percentile	<3.0 – 5.0	none	2007	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; no sample exceeded the AL (Due again in 2010)
Haloacetic Acid (HAA5) (Stage 1)	n/a	60	ppb	63 Highest compliance level for 2008	46-87	*Violation	2008	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalometh- anes (TTHM) (Stage 1)	n/a	80	ppb	76.35 Highest compliance level for 2008	44.5-93.1	none	2008	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acid (HAA5) (Stage 2)	n/a	60	ppb	65.75 Highest compliance level for 2008	4.9-114	none	2008	Preliminary data gathering for Federal EPA for by-product of drinking water chlorination (Due again in 2012)
Total Trihalometh- anes (TTHM) (Stage 2)	n/a	80	ppb	86.63 Highest compliance level for 2008	36.1-110	none	2008	Preliminary data gathering for Federal EPA for by-product of drinking water chlorination (Due again in 2012)

In addition to the sampling reported by the City of Great Falls Water Utility, Malmstrom AFB completed the following water quality monitoring. This water quality report will not be mailed to individual residents. For any questions please contact Capt Weaver at 4409 or aaron.weaver@malmstrom.af.mi

^{*}Public notice of violation disseminated on February 6th 2009 to base population.

Consumer Confidence Report - 2008

City of Great Falls Public Drinking Water Supply

P.O. Box 5021, Great Falls, MT 59403 Phone (406) 727-1325

The City of Great Falls Water Utility is proud to present this report, the purpose of which is to evoke confidence in the quality of our drinking water. Please take a few moments to review it and call us with any questions.

The source of our water

All water used by the residents of Great Falls, Malmstrom Air Force Base and Black Eagle is water that was pumped from the Missouri River and treated to make it safe to drink. The water treatment facility is located just upstream from the Missouri's confluence with the Sun River in Great Falls.

Water treatment and purification

Great Falls utilizes a conventional water treatment process and produces on average 4.5 billion gallons of safe, high quality drinking water per year. The treatment process is monitored continuously. Only after careful scrutiny is the treated water allowed to be pumped through underground water mains to reservoirs for use in homes and businesses.

The City's water treatment and distribution personnel stay abreast of new Federal and State drinking water regulations as they are written so that treatment and/or monitoring changes can be implemented as needed in a timely and cost-effective manner. The City is committed to the goal of providing its citizens a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. This goal was achieved during 2008 by operating without any violations, exemptions or variances regarding water quality.

"I am pleased to report that our drinking water meets all federal and state requirements and is among the safest and best-tasting in the world."

-- John Wandke, City Water Quality Specialist

Why are there contaminants in our source water?

Water that precipitates from the atmosphere flows across the surface of the land or percolates through the soil. Naturally occurring minerals become dissolved and waste substances produced by plants, animals and humans are picked up. The water then either becomes groundwater or makes its way to a stream, river, pond, lake or reservoir. Any of this accumulated water can then be used as a drinking water source.

Contaminants that may need to be removed from a source water before it can be considered safe to drink include:

- microbial contaminants, including viruses, bacteria and protozoa. These can originate from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals. These can be naturally occurring or the result of urban storm water

runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

- pesticides and herbicides. These may come from a variety of sources including agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals. These are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- radioactive contaminants. These can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production or mining activities.

Montana's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recently completed and made available the Great Falls source water delineation and assessment report. This report delineates a source water protection area for Great Falls (an area of surface water and land that contributes water to the Great Falls Public Water Supply). It also identifies locations or regions within this area where contaminants might be generated, stored or transported and addresses their relative potential for contaminating Great Falls drinking water. The report can be used to develop a source water protection plan for Great Falls.

Do I need to take special precautions?

The Environmental Protection Agency diligently establishes regulations setting limits on allowable contaminants in drinking water delivered by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulates allowable contaminants in bottled water, affording equivalent protection of public health. All drinking water may be reasonably expected to contain very small amounts of some allowable contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily mean the water will pose a health risk. Detailed information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or the local City-County Health Department (454-6950).

Certain people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. For example, immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, persons having HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections caused by certain microbiological contaminants. These people should seek advice about their drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection

by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

How can I become involved?

Learn more about your local water utility by attending any of the regularly scheduled City Commission meetings on the first

Questions & Answers

Q: How often is our drinking water tested?

A: The type and frequency of testing required is based on the water's source and the number of people served. Great Falls is classified as a medium-sized (between 50,000 and 100,000 served) surface water (Missouri River) community public water supply. As such, Great Falls is required to monitor the levels of some drinking water constituents, such as disinfectant residual, continuously while other constituents, such as radionuclides, are required to be tested only once every several years. The data presented in the tables contained in this report are the results from the most recent testing done in accordance with the applicable regulations.

Q: Why does the water coming out of my tap look milky sometimes but then clear up in my glass after a few seconds?

A: The water coming into your home may contain harmless dissolved gases (air) held in solution by the pressure of the water system. As the water leaves the tap the pressure rapidly decreases causing millions of tiny air bubbles to be suspended in the water, producing the milky appearance. The water then clears from the bottom of the container as the air bubbles rise and return to the atmosphere.

O: How hard is Great Falls water?

A: Great Falls water is classified as moderately hard, ranging from 127 to 167 milligrams per liter (7.4 to 9.8 grains per gallon) as calcium carbonate. Some households install water softeners as a matter of personal preference but softening is generally not necessary.

Some Facts About Water

Of the 326 million cubic miles of water on earth, 97% is seawater. Of the remaining 3%, 77% is frozen and 22% is underground. That leaves each person on our planet enough liquid fresh surface water to fill a cube 130 feet on a side. But this water is not evenly distributed and is in constant demand.

One gallon of water weighs about 81/3 pounds.

Average total water use (both indoor and outdoor) for a typical single-family home is about 100 gallons per person per day.

You can fill an 8-ounce glass with drinking water 15,000 times for the same cost as a six-pack of soda.

You can survive about a month without food, but only 5 to 7 days without water.

and third Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at the Great Falls Civic Center. You may also arrange a tour of the local water treatment plant by calling 727-1325. Regulatory updates and other interesting information can be found by visiting the American Water Works Association web site at http://www.awwa.org

Water Analysis Data

The data tables on the next several pages contain terms and abbreviations with which you may be unfamiliar. In order to help you better understand the data we offer the following definitions and explanations:

parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million is equivalent to one minute in two years or one penny in \$10,000.

parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (μ g/l) - one part per billion is equivalent to one minute in 2,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000.

picocuries per liter (pCi/l) - a measure of radioactivity in water.

millirems per year (mrem/yr) - a measure of radiation exposure. In the United States, the average person is exposed to an effective dose equivalent of approximately 360 mrem (whole body exposure) per year from all sources.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - a measure of the clarity of water. Water having turbidity in excess of 5 NTU would appear noticeably cloudy to the average person.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - the "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level - the "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal or MRDLG - the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfection Level or MRDL - the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

The City of Great Falls routinely monitors for contaminants in drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The four data tables included in this report document the test results from monitoring during the period January 1st through December 31st, 2008. The State of Montana requires monitoring for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore some of the following data, though representative, are more than one year old. The tables are arranged as follows:

Table I. Regulated Contaminants Detected

Table II. Unregulated Contaminants Detected

Table III. Regulated Contaminants Not Detected

Table IV. Unregulated Contaminants Not Detected

Arsenic Fluoride Nitrate plus Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production waste erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from	Measurement ppb ppm	10	0	Sampled 1/22/08	Detected	(yes/no)
Nitrate plus Nitrite	water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from	ppm				2	no
	fertilizer and aluminum factories		4	4	1/22/08	0.8 (all of it naturally-occurring)	no
	runoff from fertilizer use; leach- ing from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	ppm	10	10	1/22/08	0.16	no
Lead Note: In a sample collected 1/16/07, no lead was detected in the treated water as it left the water treatment plant.	corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits	ppb	AL = 15 90 th percentile level must be less than 15	15	30 tests from high- risk* homes during July, August and September, 2007	6 @ 90 th percentile (see below) two sites were ≥ 15 ppb	no
Copper Note: In a sample collected 1/16/07, no copper was detected in the treated water as it left the water treatment plant.	corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	1.3	30 tests from high- risk* homes during July, August and September, 2007	0.31 @ 90 th percentile (see below) no site exceeded 1.3 ppm	no		
	E SAMPLING SUMMARY (trien	nial samples)			Lead	Copper	
Note: Each sample collected for lead	l analysis was also analyzed for cop	non In this non	out the sites are	Site Ranking	Range high to low	Range high to low	
	ed on descending levels of lead or c			Kanking 1	26	1.21	
	t necessarily also have the highest			2	15	0.78	
				3	7	0.35	
		90 th perc	entile levels →	4	6	0.31	
		-		5	4	0.31	
	opper Rule mandates a household t			6	3	0.30	
	ons of the Lead & Copper Rule high			7	3	0.29	
	nces served by a lead service line, I			8	2	0.20	
	ipe installed after 1982 but prior to 87. According to the Rule, 90% of			9	2	0.17	
	ess than 15 ppb and copper levels le			10	2	0.15	
				11	2	0.13	
	vater that had remained within the l			12	2 2	0.13 0.13	
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				16	1	0.12	
				17	1	0.12	
				18	1	0.12	
If present, elevated levels of	lead can cause serious health proble			19 20	< 1	0.11	
	women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Great Falls is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of					0.11	
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Turbidity Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. It is	soil runoff	NTU	TT = 1 NTU maximum	0	throughout the year, every four hours	0.15 maximum for 2008 on 5/28/08	no
monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the water filtration system.		NTU	TT < 0.3 NTU 95% of the time	0	throughout the year, every four hours	< 0.3 100% of the time	no
Radionuclides							
Beta/photon emitters	decay of natural and man-made deposits	mrem/yr	4	0	2/23/99	2.7 (± 2.7) pCi/l gross beta	no
Gross Alpha	erosion of natural deposits	pCi/l	15	0	7/28/08	3.8	no
Radium 226 + Radium 228	erosion of natural deposits	pCi/l	5	0	7/28/08	0.1	no
Disinfectants				•			·
Chlorine	water additive used to control microbes	ppm	MRDL=4	MRDLG=4	continuously	0.00 to 2.20	no
Chloramines [†]	water additive used to control microbes	ppm	MRDL=4	MRDLG=4	continuously	0.00 to 2.20	no

[†] The primary disinfectant used in Great Falls is free chlorine. Through the addition of ammonia, monochloramine is formed just before the water exits the treatment plant. Monochloramine does not dissipate as readily as free chlorine and thus helps in maintaining disinfection at the far edges of the distribution system. Compared to free chlorine, monochloramine is a weak oxidizer and so minimizes disinfection by-product formation. Total chlorine levels were checked at the treatment plant and throughout the distribution system on a daily basis during 2008 and at no time exceeded the MRDL or the MRDLG. Levels ranged from a low of 0.00 ppm in the distribution system to a high of 2.20 ppm in water leaving the treatment plant.

Disinfection By-Products (DBPs)

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TTHMs	· .	by-product of drinking water		80	N/A	quarterly	see table	e no	
(total trihalomethanes)	disinfection	disinfection		run. ann. avg. [‡]			below		
HAA5s	by-product of c	lrinking water	ppb	60	N/A	quarterly	see table	e no	
(five haloacetic acids)	disinfection			run. ann. avg. [‡]			below		
TTHM Summary	2 nd quarter	3 rd quarter	4 th quarter	1 st quarter	2 nd quarte	r 3 rd q	uarter	4 th quarter	
sampling period \rightarrow	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	20	800	2008	
site # 1	33.8	38.1	29.7	23.2	27.6	5	7.4	38.8	
site # 2	37.8	43.2	38.2	29.6	30.9	6.	3.2	40.5	
site # 3	33.8	39.1	32.6	23.4	26.1	5	6.2	34.3	
site # 4	36.7	39.1	35.1	24.9	30.0	6.	3.3	43.2	
quarterly average	35.5	39.9	33.9	25.3	28.7	6	0.0	39.2	
[‡] running annual average	35.5	34.1	34.0	33.7	32.0	3	7.0	38.3	
	highest compliance level for $2008 = 38.3$ range = 23.2 to 63.3								

highest compliance level for 2008 = 38.3

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

HAA5 Summary	2 nd quarter	3 rd quarter	4 th quarter	1 st quarter	2 nd quarter	3 rd quarter	4 th quarter	
sampling period \rightarrow	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	
site # 1	35.0	27.2	25.7	27.0	27.5	62.5	39.3	
site # 2	23.9	21.2	19.1	27.6	26.5	4.0	0.7	
site # 3	41.0	31.6	22.0	25.0	26.4	59.5	36.0	
site # 4	33.0	27.0	21.6	26.0	26.5	35.3	43.0	
quarterly average	33.2	26.8	22.1	26.4	26.7	40.3	29.8	
[‡] running annual average	29.9	27.4	27.7	27.1	25.5	28.9	30.8	
	highest compliance level for 2008 = 30.8 range = 0.7 to 62.5							

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) provides a medium for the formation of disinfection by-products, which include TTHMs and HAA5s. Removing TOC at the water treatment plant is important in reducing the potential for the formation of all disinfection by-products, both regulated and unregulated.

		*	3 1	8
Date Sampled	River Water TOC	Treated Water TOC	% Removal Required	% Removal Achieved
1/22/08	2.4 ppm	1.9 ppm	15.0	20.8
2/19/08	2.4 ppm	1.9 ppm	15.0	20.8
3/17/08	2.1 ppm	1.7 ppm	15.0	19.0
4/14/08	2.2 ppm	1.8 ppm	15.0	18.2
5/12/08	2.4 ppm	1.7 ppm	15.0	29.2
6/16/08	3.3 ppm	2.1 ppm	15.0	36.4
7/14/08	3.3 ppm	2.6 ppm	15.0	21.2
8/18/08	3.2 ppm	2.2 ppm	15.0	31.3
9/15/08	3.1 ppm	2.4 ppm	15.0	22.6
10/20/08	3.0 ppm	2.4 ppm	15.0	20.0
11/17/08	3.2 ppm	2.5 ppm	15.0	21.9
12/15/08	3.0 ppm	1.3 ppm	15.0	56.7

Secondary Contaminants (Table I. continued)							
Secondary Parameter	Date Sampled	Level Detected	Unit of Measurement	SMCL**			
Calcium	1/22/08	38	ppm	N/A			
Magnesium	1/22/08	11	ppm	N/A			
Sodium	1/22/08	19	ppm	< 20 recommended			
Total Hardness	1/22/08	141	ppm	N/A			
Total Alkalinity	1/22/08	119	ppm	N/A			
Conductivity	1/22/08	398	micromhos/cm	N/A			
рН	1/22/08	7.2	pH units	6.5 - 8.5			

^{**} Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL) - a chemical contaminant in excess of this amount may affect aesthetic qualities and public acceptance. SMCLs are non-enforceable standards.

Table II. Unregulated Contaminants Detected

Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Radionuclides	Date Sampled	Level Detected	Unit of Measurement	Significance
Radon-222	1/09/95	47 (± 37)	pCi/l	see comments below

About radon: There is currently no federal regulation for radon in drinking water. Radon is a radioactive gas that you can't see, taste or smell. It is found all over the U.S. Radon can move up through the ground and into a home through cracks and holes in the foundation. Radon can build up to high levels in all types of homes. Radon can also get into indoor air when released from tap water from showering, washing dishes, and other household activities. Compared to radon entering the home through soil, radon entering the home through tap water will in most cases be a small source of radon in indoor air. Radon is a known human carcinogen. Breathing air containing radon can lead to lung cancer. Drinking water that contains radon may also cause increased risk of stomach cancer. If you are concerned about radon in your home, test the air in your home. Testing is inexpensive and easy. Fix your home if the level of radon in your air is 4 picocuries per liter of air (4pCi/l) or higher. There are simple ways to fix a radon problem that aren't too costly. For additional information, call your state radon program or call EPA's Radon Hotline (1-800-SOS-RADON).

Inorganic Contaminants	Date Sampled	Level Detected	Unit of Measurement	SMCL
Bicarbonate	1/16/07	147	ppm	N/A
Chloride	1/22/08	13	ppm	250
Potassium	1/16/07	4	ppm	N/A
Silica	1/16/07	18.2	ppm	N/A
Strontium	1/22/08	200	ppb	N/A
Sulfate	1/22/08	47	ppm	500

The following three disinfection by-products are volatile organics that are not regulated individually but are included in total trihalomethanes:

Contaminant	Date Sampled	Level Detected	Unit of Measurement
Bromodichloromethane	5/12/08	6.5	ppb
Chlorodibromomethane	5/12/08	1.9	ppb
Chloroform	5/12/08	13	ppb

Table III. Regulated Contaminants Not Detected Radionuclides – tested 7/28/08 Note: testing for uranium was not required because the result for gross alpha did not exceed the MCL of 15 pCi/l (see Table 1) Microbiological Contaminants - tested throughout 2008, 70 routine distribution system samples per month Total Coliform Bacteria Escherichia coli **Inorganic Contaminants** – all tested 1/22/08 unless otherwise indicated Antimony Cadmium Nickel Iron Asbestos (11/24/03) Chromium Lead (1/16/07) Nitrite Copper (1/16/07) Selenium Barium Manganese Beryllium Cyanide (1/30/06) Mercury Thallium Volatile Organic Contaminants (VOCs) – all tested 5/12/08 unless otherwise indicated Benzene 1,1-Dichloroethene Styrene Toluene Carbon tetrachloride cis-1,2-Dichloroethene Tetrachloroethene Vinvl chloride trans-1,2-Dichloroethene 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene Xylenes (ortho-, meta-, para-) Chlorobenzene Methylene chloride 1,1,1-Trichloroethane 1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane 1,2-Dichlorobenzene 1,4-Dichlorobenzene 1,2-Dichloropropane 1,1,2-Trichloroethane Total BTEX Ethylbenzene 1,2-Dichloroethane Trichloroethene

2,4,-D	Dibromochloropropane (DBCP) (6/13/05)	Hexachlorobenzene
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	Dinoseb	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene (HEX)
Alachlor	Diquat (deferred)	Lindane (gamma-BHC)
Atrazine	Dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD) (deferred)	Methoxychlor
Benzo(a)pyrene (PAH)	Endothall (deferred)	Oxamyl (Vydate)
Carbofuran	Endrin	Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) (8/08/05)
Chlordane	Ethylene dibromide (EDB) (6/13/05)	Pentachlorophenol
Dalapon	Glyphosate (6/13/05)	Picloram (Tordon)
Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	Heptachlor	Simazine
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	Heptachlor epoxide	Toxaphene

	T	able IV. Unre	egulated (Contamin	ants Not Detec	eted	
Unregulated contaminant n							regulate those contaminants.
Inorganic Contaminants – all tested 1/22/08 unless otherwise indicated							
Aluminum	Carbon	ate (1/16/07)	Molybdenum		Silver		Zinc
Volatile Organic Contaminants (VOCs) – all tested 5/12/08 unless otherwise indicated							
Bromobenzene		1,3-Dichlorobenzene		1,2,3-Trichlor	ropropane	n-Pro	pylbenzene
Bromoform		1,1-Dichloroethane		Bromochloro	methane	sec-B	utylbenzene
Bromomethane		1,3-Dichloropropane		n-Butylbenze	ne	tert-B	utylbenzene
1,2-Dibromoethane		2,2-Dichloropropane		Dichlorodiflu	oromethane	1,2,3-	Trichlorobenzene
Chloroethane		1,1-Dichloropropene		Trichlorofluo	romethane	1,2,4-	Trimethylbenzene
Chloromethane	loromethane cis-1,3-Dichloropropene Hexac		Hexachlorobutadiene		1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene		
2-Chlorotoluene	2-Chlorotoluene trans-1,3-Dichloroprop		pene	Isopropylbenzene		Methyl tert-Butyl Ether (MTBE)	
4-Chlorotoluene	otoluene 1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane		p-Isopropylto	luene			
Dibromomethane		1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroetl	nane	Naphthalene			
Synthetic Organic Contar	ninants (S	SOCs) – all tested 5/12	2/08, 6/23/08 ar	nd 8/18/08 unle	ss otherwise indicated		
Aldrin		3-Hydroxycarbofurar	1	Aldicarb (Ter	nik)	Dichl	orprop
Butachlor		Methomyl		Aldicarb Sulfone		Methiocarb	
Carbaryl		Metolachlor		Aldicarb Sulf	oxide		
Dicamba		Metribuzin		Acifluorfen (8	8/08/05)		
Dieldrin		Propachlor		2,4-DB			
Unregulated Contaminan	t Monitor	ing Rule 1 (UCMR1)	Contaminant	s – all tested 10	0/23/01, 1/02/02, 4/08/0	2 and 7	7/01/02
Perchlorate		MTBE		2,4-Dinitrotol	uene	EPTC	1
DCPA mono-acid		Nitrobenzene		2,6-Dinitrotol	uene	Molin	nate
DCPA di-acid		Acetochlor		4-4'-DDE		Terba	cil
Unregulated Contaminan	t Monitor	ing Rule 2 (UCMR2)	Contaminant	s – all tested 3/	10/08, 6/30/08, 9/15/08	and 12	2/15/08
Dimethoate	2,2',4,4	1',5,5'-HBB	BDE-99		BDE-153		2,4,6-Trinitrotoluene (TNT)
Terbufos Sulfone	BDE-4	7	BDE-100		1,3-Dinitrobenzene		RDX

As the above tables indicate, analysis of Great Falls drinking water revealed no violations during 2008. Although some constituents were detected, the Environmental Protection Agency considers water to be safe at these levels. Furthermore, MCLs are set very stringently. To put this into perspective, for a given regulated contaminant a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime for there to be a one-in-a-million chance of having a corresponding adverse health effect.

Important additional information regarding source water monitoring:

During 2007 Great Falls collected monthly water samples directly from the Missouri River intake and had them analyzed for *Cryptosporidium*, a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the United States. Although the filtration aspect of our water treatment process removes *Cryptosporidium* it cannot guarantee 100% removal. Our monitoring indicated the presence of these organisms in our source water during the months of February, April, July, September, October and December. Current test methods do not allow us to determine whether the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of *Cryptosporidium* may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. *Cryptosporidium* must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.